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**For Crosstabs:**

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**The New York Times Upshot / Siena College Iowa 01 Poll:**

**Democrat Finkenauer 52% Republican Incumbent Blum 37%**

Voters Prefer Democrats Control House 49-40%; Give President Trump Large Negative 39-55% Job Approval Rating

**Favorability Ratings: Blum, 35-53 Percent; Finkenauer, 43-26 Percent**

Loudonville, NY. Democratic State Representative Abby Finkenauer holds a 15-point lead over incumbent Republican Congressman Rod Blum, 52-37 percent, according to a new New York Times Upshot/Siena College poll of likely Iowa 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District voters. Blum has a negative 35-53 percent favorability rating, compared to a 43-26 percent favorability rating for Finkenauer.

If election was today, who would you vote for?			
	Rod Blum	Abby Finkenauer	DK/ Other
<b>IA 01</b>			
Likely Voters	37%	<b>52%</b>	11%
<i>Democrats</i>	3%	<b>91%</b>	5%
<i>Republicans</i>	<b>86%</b>	7%	7%
<i>Independents</i>	35%	<b>49%</b>	16%
<i>Men</i>	<b>47%</b>	45%	8%
<i>Women</i>	29%	<b>57%</b>	14%
<i>Less than College</i>	37%	<b>50%</b>	13%
<i>College or higher</i>	38%	<b>53%</b>	9%
<b>The New York Times Upshot/Siena College Poll – 9/26/18</b>			

Likely voters in this northeastern Iowa district prefer Democrats rather than Republicans control the House of Representatives next year, 49-40 percent. Voters give President Trump a large 16-point negative job approval rating with 39 percent approving the job he is doing and 55 percent disapproving and by 55-36 percent they oppose the tariffs on steel and aluminum imposed by President Trump this year.

This New York Times Upshot/Siena College Poll is part of an ongoing project polling pivotal Congressional races across the country. The data is published live on <https://www.nytimes.com/section/upshot>. This press release highlights the key findings and provides access in the [cross-tabulations](#) to the entire survey as well as how demographic groups answered each question.

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**This New York Times Upshot/Siena College IA 01 survey was conducted September 18-20, 2018 by telephone calls in English to 502 IA 01 voters. This poll has a margin of error of  $\pm 4.6$  percentage points. Calls were made to a stratified weighted sample of voters from the L-2 Voter list via both land and cell phones. A likely-to-vote probability was computed for each respondent based on their stated likelihood to vote as well as by virtue of the imputation of a turnout probability score based on past voting behavior. This combined probability to vote score was applied as a weight along with a weight that considered party, age, race/ethnicity, education, region within the district and gender. Polling support for this project provided by Institute for Policy and Opinion Research at Roanoke College, Reconnaissance Market Research, M. Davis & Company, The Public Opinion Research Lab at the University of North Florida and The Survey Research Center at the University of Waterloo. The Siena College Research Institute, directed by Donald Levy, Ph.D., conducts political, economic, social and cultural research primarily in NYS. SCRI, an independent, non-partisan research institute, subscribes to the American Association of Public Opinion Research Code of Professional Ethics and Practices. For more information, please call Steven Greenberg at 518-469-9858 or Don Levy at 518-783-2901. Survey cross-tabulations and frequencies can be found at: [www.Siena.edu/SCRI/SNY](http://www.Siena.edu/SCRI/SNY).**